

CSC Chief Foresees Bill to Pay Expenses of Transferred Workers

By JOSEPH YOUNG

Civil Service Commission Chairman John Macy predicts that administration-sponsored legislation will be sent to Congress soon to liberalize travel reimbursement expenses for Government employees and their families who are transferred to other locales.

Such relocation legislation was proposed by the CSC last year and is strongly backed by other Government departments and agencies. However, the proposal has been held up in the Budget Bureau.

Now, however, Mr. Macy says he is very optimistic that agreement can be worked out with the Budget Bureau on a legislative proposal to be sent to Congress this year.

The legislation would apply to Government workers who are moved to jobs in other locales at the direction of the Government.

It would involve employees whose agency functions are transferred elsewhere, those who lose their jobs and are reassigned to other cities, those who are transferred to another assignment in a different locale, etc.

A recent CSC survey showed that Government employees who are transferred to another city are out-of-pocket up to \$1,000 or more as a result of the extra travel and moving expenses involved. The average financial loss to the employee is about \$600. A "significant" number of employees lost more than \$1,000, the CSC reported.

The proposed legislation is considered particularly important at this time, since the present economy program will

result in reshuffling of jobs and employees from one city to another.

CSC has proposed that employees be reimbursed for losses suffered in selling their homes and buying new homes, the hotel and motel expenses incurred by the family in the first stages of the new assignment, greater moving and travel allowances for families, etc.

USIA ACCUSED — John Griner, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, has accused the United States Information Agency of giving its employees no advance notice in denying them within-grade pay raises under the new acceptable level of competence provision of the 1962 Federal Pay Reform Law.

Mr. Griner also charged that USIA employees are given no specific reasons why they are being denied these within-grade raises.

Despite the fact that this is in contrast to the Civil Service Commission's general regulations, the CSC maintains a "do nothing attitude" toward the whole situation. Mr. Griner declared. He said the entire incident "points up the need for repeal of the acceptable level of competence provisions in the pay law."

POSTAL SERVICE MERIT — Quick Senate approval is expected on the nomination of Fred Belen as Deputy Postmaster General. Extremely able and a long-time career man in Government and on Capitol Hill, Mr. Belen's appointment is a very popular one. He is now Assistant Postmaster General

for Operations. Succeeding Mr. Belen in this job is another career man, William McMillan, who has been director of the Post Office Department's Dallas region and has been in the postal service for 38 years.

Appointments such as these give postal workers more faith in the postal service.

SBA — Randall Tyus, special assistant to the head of the Small Business Administration, has been named SBA's employment policy officer. Mr. Tyus is the first Negro selected to serve SBA as a special assistant.

SINGLE DRIVE CHALLENGED — Senator Pearson, Republican of Kansas, has asked for a Senate investigation of the Civil Service Commission's plan for a single once-a-year charity contribution drive among Government workers.

Senator Pearson introduced a resolution calling for the Senate Civil Service Committee to study the feasibility of a single charity drive. He also asked the CSC to postpone its forthcoming pilot test of the single charity drive that is scheduled for later this year.

At the present time Federal workers are subjected to two or three separate charity drives a year.

Senator Pearson said fear has been expressed by various local charitable organizations throughout the country that their receipts will be reduced if a single charity campaign is authorized. Various United Fund and Community Chest units are opposed to the single drive movement.

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